House Resolution No. 1026

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are delighted to honor an outstanding Missourian who has witnessed dramatic changes in America during her sojourn on this most precious earth; and

Whereas, Signe Erickson, a cherished resident of Lake St. Louis, Missouri, commemorated the resplendent occasion of her One Hundredth Birthday with a card shower on March 9, 2004, during the Generations Group Meeting in the Ballroom at the Community Association in Lake St. Louis; and

Whereas, on March 22, 1904, God brought a special gift to this great nation with the birth of an adorable infant by the name of Signe, who would put a twinkle in people's eyes and fill their hearts with love and joy; and

Whereas, Signe Erickson was born the same year the World's Fair debuted in St. Louis, the New York City Subway opened, James Barrie's play <u>Peter Pan</u> was produced in London, and Giacomo Puccini's <u>Madama Butterfly</u> made its premiere; and

Whereas, Signe Erickson made her formal debut in 1904 along with such notable people as pianist and bandleader William "Count Basie, Hollywood actor Cary Grant, and children's author and cartoonist Theodore Seuss "Dr. Seuss" Geisel; and

Whereas, Signe Erickson has been an eyewitness to numerous national and international events, many of which are familiar to others only through the pages of history; and

Whereas, at the respectable age of 100, Signe Erickson is extremely grateful for the countless blessings she has received throughout the course of her long and eventful life:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations and special birthday greetings to Signe Erickson at this significant milestone and in wishing her peace and contentment as she continues to enjoy her golden years; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Signe Erickson, as a measure of our esteem for her.

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1026, adopted March 11, 2004.